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3 WIN NOBEL PRIZE IN PHYSICS FOR WORK ON ELECTRONS IN ATOMS

This year's Nobel Prize in physics went to three scientists for studying how electrons zip around the atom during the tiniest of split second

TINIEST OF SPLIT SECOND TO "SEE" ELECTRONS

Pierre Agostini of the Ohio State University in the US; Ferenc Krausz of the Max Planck Institute of Quantum Optics and Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich in Germany; and Anne L'Huillier of Lund University in Sweden won the award. To understand how an electron travels, they had to look at it within an extremely short time period — one quintillionth of a second

L'HUILLIER 5TH WOMAN TO GET PHYSICS NOBEL

- L'Huillier is only the fifth woman to win a Nobel in physics. "For all the women, I say if you are interested, if you have a little bit of passion for this type of challenges, so just go for it," L'Huillier said in an interview
- Their work is about understanding the universe, but the hope is that it will eventually lead to better electronics and disease diagnosis | P12

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WOMEN HAVE BEEN HONOURED WITH NOBEL PRIZE IN THE LAST TWO DAYS

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NewsClick founder arrested

Raids across several cities in UAPA case; many journalists questioned; Delhi office sealed

UJWAL JALALI @ New Delhi

IN simultaneous pre-dawn raids across various cities, the Delhi Police Special Cell on Tuesday swooped down at multiple locations linked to news website NewsClick, and questioned senior journalists for hours in a case under the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

After more than 12 hours, around 8.30 pm, Prabir Purkayastha, the founder of the website, and Amit Chakravarty, its HR head, were arrested under the UAPA. A total of 37 suspects, including nine women, were questioned.

The raids began at 5 am at more than 35 locations in Delhi and its adjoining areas. Sleuths picked up several journalists from their residences in Delhi-NCR and brought them to the Special Cell office located at Lodhi Colony.

Paranjoy Guha Thakurta and Urmilesh being taken by the police for questioning

PRE-DAWN SWOOP

- **2 AM** Meeting of senior officials of Special Cell; Around 500 cops briefed about operation
- **5-5.30 AM** Police start simultaneous raids at multiple locations in Delhi, Noida, Gurugram, Faridabad. Journalists questioned, their devices seized
- **8 AM** Journalists taken to the office of Special Cell at Lodhi Colony
- **11 AM** A battery of lawyers of different journalists gather outside Special Cell office; denied entry
- **3.45 PM** Journalists allowed to leave the premises
- **8.30 PM** Founder and editor Prabir Purkayastha and HR head Amit Chakravarty arrested

Other journalists questioned included Abhisar Sharma, Aunindyo Chakraborty, Bhasha Singh, Urmilesh, satirist Sanjay Rajoura, cartoonist Irfan, and historian Sohail Hashmi. The residences of the staffers as well as contributors and former employees of the portal were also raided.

The police also sealed the office of the news portal in south Delhi and seized electronic gadgets such as mobile phones and laptops of the journalists, and sent them for forensic analysis.

On August 5, *The New York Times* published a report titled 'A Global Web of Chinese Propaganda Leads to a US Tech Mogul', which claimed that *NewsClick* was part of a network that received funding from American billionaire Neville Roy Singham, who allegedly works closely with the Chinese government. NewsClick rubbished the allegations, saying they were "unfounded and without basis in fact or law".

I&B minister Anurag Thakur said: "If anyone has committed anything wrong, search agencies are free to carry out investigations against them."

SOCIO-ECONOMIC SURVEY

PANEL MAY SUBMIT K'TAKA CASTE CENSUS REPORT BY NOV-END

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka State Permanent Backward Classes Commission is expected to submit its socio-economic, education survey report (caste census) to the State Government by November-end.

The report by Kantharaju Commission was prepared when Siddaramaiah was CM between 2013 and 2018. It was submitted to the coalition government headed by HD Kumaraswamy. But the report was not accepted for some technical reasons.

According to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, the report was ready in 2018 when Kumaraswamy was CM, but was not released.

Commission Chairman K Jayaprakash Hegde told *The New Indian Express* that it is based on the report of the Kantharaju Commission, which had conducted an extensive survey across the State. He said the Commission under him could not conduct another survey. On the delay in submitting the report, Hegde said Covid19 was among the reasons for it. His term will end next month and it is the responsibility of the Commission to submit the report before that, he added.

The report has details of every family in Karnataka such as educational qualification of each member, employment, and economic status. Based on the recommendations of the report, the government can plan welfare schemes, he said.

Sometime ago, Siddaramaiah stated that he was keen on implementing the report.

Official sources said that there is pressure on the State Government to release it with Bihar releasing its caste census report on Monday. Hegde was appointed as Chairman of the Commission by the previous BJP government. "Hence, Siddaramaiah might not consider all the recommendations made by the Hegde Commission," the sources added.

ALL CASTES SHOULD GET ORGANISED: CM

Belagavi: Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday said people from all castes and classes should get organised and claim their constitutional rights. "Equality is possible only if every community grows economically, socially and politically. Everyone should get their share of power and opportunity," he added. P6

Rahul pitch on proportionate rights creates minor flutter

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THERE was some dissonance in the Congress a day after its leader Rahul Gandhi said *jitni abadi utna haq* (rights should be determined proportionately) in the context of the caste census outcome released by the Bihar government.

Senior Congress leader Abhishek Manu Singhvi contradicted him on Tuesday, emphasizing that those advocating for rights based on population should understand its consequences, asserting that it will lead to majoritarianism.

"Equality of opportunity is never the same as equality of outcomes. People endorsing #jitniabadiutnahaq must first completely understand its consequences. It will eventually culminate in majoritarianism," Singhvi wrote on the X platform.

But Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh disowned it saying, it may reflect Singhvi's personal view." Singhvi then deleted his post and fell in line.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi pounced on the *jitni abadi utna haq* pitch while speaking at a poll rally in Jagdalpur, saying the Congress should clarify whether rights can be given in proportion to the *abaadi* (population).

Recall 41 diplomats by October 10, India tells Canada: Report

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

INDIA has asked Canada to recall 41 'excess' diplomats stationed in the country by October 10, British business daily *Financial Times* reported on Tuesday. India "threatened to revoke the diplomatic immunity of diplomats who remain after that date", it said. Canada currently has 62 personnel in India and this staff strength is sought to be reduced to 21, it added.

However, there has been no official confirmation from either side on the number of diplomats asked to leave before the deadline. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has neither confirmed nor denied the report. "When India had already made it clear that they wanted to have diplomatic parity with Canada, the Canadian diplomats should have left by now," said a source.

Last month, India had asked Canada to downsize its diplomatic staff strength in the country so as to have parity with the Indian mission in Canada. "There needs to be parity in strength and rank equivalence in our mutual diplomatic presence. They are many more in numbers and we have noticed that they interfere a lot in our internal matters," MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi had said on September 21, the day India suspended its visa services in Canada.

Don't want to escalate matter: Trudeau

Speaking to reporters in Ottawa, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau refused to comment on the FT report but reiterated that his country was not looking to "escalate" the situation with India

The diplomatic row between the two countries erupted after Trudeau recently blamed New Delhi for the killing of a Canada-based Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar, who was shot dead by gunmen on June 18 in British Columbia. India had designated him a terrorist in 2020.

Trudeau made the controversial statement in Canada's Parliament, suggesting India's role in the killing of Nijjar. This was followed up with the expulsion of an Indian diplomat.

India rejected the allegations as 'absurd' and 'motivated' and expelled a senior Canadian diplomat in a tit-for-tat move, which was followed up with stopping visa services for Canadians to visit India.

Employees wait outside offices after tremors were felt due to an earthquake, in New Delhi on Tuesday afternoon | PTI

Around 50 million years ago, during the formation process of Himalayan ranges, Indian plates were subducted beneath the Eurasian plates, causing frictional motion resulting in ruptures of rocks and ultimately causing earthquakes — O P Mishra, director, National Centre for Seismology

Nepal tremors rock North India

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

A series of six earthquakes rocked Nepal's western province, which is closer to India's eastern border, on Tuesday afternoon, sending the shockwaves to much of northern India, including the Delhi national capital region.

The epicentre was 206 km South-East of India's holy city Joshimath in Uttarakhand. The tremors were felt in Nepal's Bajhang and adjoining districts including Achham, Doti, Bajura and Baitadi.

Delhi-based National Centre for Seismology (NCS) recorded the strongest quake of 6.2 magnitude (M) at 2.51 pm. It lasted 40 seconds, which caused panic with people running out of their homes and offices.

Reports said many people were stuck in their high rises in NCR. No damage was reported in India. However, initial reports suggested Nepal suffered widespread damage to houses and at least 11 people were injured. The earthquakes also induced landslides. They impacted the Jaiprithvi municipality, Kedarsyu, Khaptadchanna and Vithardir Municipality.

According to NCS officials, the first quake of 4.6 magnitude struck western Nepal at a depth of 10 km at 2.25 pm, followed by a 6.2 jolt at 2.51 pm, 3.6 tremor at 3.06 pm, 3.1 at 3.19 pm, 4.3 at 5.04 pm, and the last earthquake of 3.9 at 5.23 pm.

Nepal had witnessed a devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake in April 2015, which killed nearly 9,000 people.

KCR wanted to join NDA, we said no: Modi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hyderabad

DROPPING a political bombshell, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Tuesday that BRS supremo and Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao wanted to join the NDA after the BJP won 48 seats in the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation polls in December 2020. However, Modi said he rejected the idea.

"KCR gave me a beautiful shawl and showed so much love, which is not in his character. Then he told me that the country is progressing under your leadership. We also want to be part of the NDA. I said what next? Support us in Hyderabad municipal corporation," Modi said while speaking at a public meeting in Nizamabad.

Dispelling widespread rumours of a tacit understanding between the BJP and BRS, the PM said: "Modi will never align with KCR because of his misdeeds."

The PM instead accused the Congress and BRS of being in collusion. He claimed that the BRS funded Congress' campaign in Karnataka elections using ill-gotten wealth from Telangana, and the grand old party would now return the favour in the Telugu state. P7

DROUGHT

CENTRAL TEAM TO VISIT KTAKA NEXT WEEK

Agriculture Minister N Chaluvarayaswamy says the team will assess the loss in the state owing to drought. The team, consisting of three sub-teams, will visit the drought-hit areas and submit a report to the Centre | P4

EXPRESS READ

Decision on carpooling in 10 days, says Reddy

Bengaluru: Transport Minister R Ramalinga Reddy on Tuesday said a decision on carpooling will be taken in 10 days. "We have not imposed a ban on carpooling. However, the carpooling system needs regulation as non-commercial vehicles with white boards cannot be used," he said after a meeting with app-based carpooling companies | P2

Indian economy to grow at 6.3 pc in FY24: WB

New Delhi: The World Bank on Tuesday retained India's growth forecast at 6.3% for 2023-24 on the back of robust service activities despite global headwinds. According to a World Bank report, India continues to show resilience against a challenging global environment.

CONTINENTAL TRIUMPH

Breaching 70 as India on course to highest medal haul

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Hangzhou

THE Hangzhou evening skies have been pretty dramatic to look at it over the last few days. The city of high rises with pockets of green everywhere, cools down rapidly in the evenings. By the time the locals occupy the 80,000 seater (Hangzhou Olympic Sports Centre Stadium), you look skywards if you want to reel an Insta story.

If India's medal tally was driven by the Fuyang Yinhu Shooting Ranges in the first week, the Olympic Stadium is unsurprisingly driving the push as the Games enters the business end. Now, they are on the verge of overhauling two of the medal records (gold/overall) set at Jakarta-Palembang in 2018. With five days left, they are on 69 medals (15 gold) and fourth on medals behind China, South Korea and Japan. They had 16 gold and 70 at Jakarta. With more events lined up in athletics, including Neeraj Chopra in the men's javelin as well as the Asian record-breaking men's 4x400m quartet, they are set to go past the gold medal mark on Wednesday itself.

The performances of the shooting team (22 medals and seven gold) where they finished second only behind hosts, China, set the tone early on. After an underwhelming Tokyo Olympics, this was a big test for the shooters ahead of Olympics next year. They have always been a powerhouse in track and field in Asia and that's been reflected again as they exceeded the 2018 Jakarta tally of 20. They are already on 22 (four gold). They added two more gold on Tuesday, with Annu Rani (women's javelin) and Parul Chaudhary (women's 5000m) adding to the collection.

Parul Chaudhary wins 5000m while Annu Rani picks javelin gold on Tuesday | P11

With Tejaswin Shankar winning India's first ever silver in decathlon, the medals continued to rain unabated.

The next challenge for the contingent is to meet the three-figure mark in terms of medals won. Focus will shift to the likes of archery where a clutch of medals are expected. With the country already in several finals (either team or individual), there is potential for picking up more medals before the curtains come down. With the likes of bridge, cricket, badminton, squash, kabaddi and wrestling holding some promise for gold or multiple medals, Hangzhou will surely go down in history as the country's most successful Games yet. And of course, #isbaar100par looks more real now. More on P15

Woman, 2 kids charred to death in NICE Rd accident

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A woman and her two daughters were charred to death while her husband suffered severe burns when their car caught fire after colliding head-on with a lorry on NICE Road in Thalaghattapura traffic police limits early Tuesday.

The deceased are Sindhu, 31, M Pranavi, 6, and M Kashavi, 4. Sindhu's husband B Mahendran, 35, an IT professional, is undergoing treatment.

Police said the family hailed from Salem in Tamil Nadu and lived at Vijinapura near Dooravaninagar in Ramamurthynagar. They all went shopping at Nagasandra on Tumakuru Road on Monday after renting a car. While returning home, Mahendran, who was overspeeding, reportedly lost control over the car at Sompura Clover Leaf Junction between Mysuru Road and Kanakapura Road around 2.50 am. The car ran over the road median and started moving on the opposite lane. It soon collided with the lorry and caught fire. P3

The mangled remains of the car which caught fire after colliding with a lorry on NICE Road in Bengaluru on Tuesday